

Houma Command Center: Three boats with International Bird Rescue Research Center personnel conducted field reconnaissance. Wildlife surveys show a number of oiled birds within the sector. The majority were slightly oiled and cannot be recovered without the use of net guns or other means. Crews decided that wildlife recovery efforts would not take place to avoid disturbing nesting birds.

Several heavily oiled pelicans were seen on Queen Bess and another island; these were still able to fly, however, and recovery attempts were not successful. Tar balls were numerous and common on Grand Terre, Grand Isle, and Four Bayou Pass. Buried oil was found on almost all sand beaches. Two streamers of oil observed from satellite imagery and aerial over flight trending NE/SW about 100-150 miles off Tampa. There is a team evaluating its relation to the loop current.

Mobile Command Center: Seven Service surveillance and recovery teams were deployed: four via land; two via sea; one via helicopter. Bon Secour NWR volunteers discovered and marked sea turtle nest on Fort Morgan Unit. The status for Dauphin Island and Fort Morgan Peninsula is now Orange (High); confident that oil/sheen will be on shore within one day.

Upcoming:

- A team is being developed to determine if shredded sugar cane stock can be used as booming material.
- The on-water survey for turtles will re-start this week. Logistics are in place to transport any captured turtles to Audubon Aquarium.
- Weather permitting, reconnaissance and recovery operations to locate and rescue oiled wildlife will continue. Shoreline monitoring continues for nesting sea turtles and tar balls.
- Coordination is underway for a Wildlife Release Plan to establish procedures for determining when wildlife are ready for release, how they will be transported and where/when they will be released.

By the Numbers:

Personnel responding: More than 20,000.

Vessels responding: More than 1,700 vessels, including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery.

Containment boom deployed: Approximately 369 miles.

Sorbent boom deployed: Approximately 350 miles.

Containment boom available: Approximately 115 miles.

Sorbent boom available: Approximately 341 miles.

Oil-water mix recovered: Approximately 13.5 million gallons.

Dispersant deployed: Approximately 950,000 gallons.

Dispersant available: More than 430,000 gallons.